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SUBJECT: UNDOCUMENTED IMGRANTS: INS AIR REPATRIATION

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE NOW COME TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD UNILATERALLY TTO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GOM "AGREEMENT" TO FOLD-IN IN TIJUANA--LEON FLIGHTS INTO EXPERIMENTAL REPATRIATION PROGRAM. FONSEC OFFICIALS HAVE MADE POINT OF STRESSING TO NEWS-MEN THAT GOM DID NOT RPT NOT "AGREE" TO EXPERIMENTAL REPATRIATION PROGRAM BUT INSTEAD MERELY PRESENTED CONSIDERATIONS WHICH IT SOUGHT TO HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY INS IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.

2. MOREOVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO ATTEMPT TO "FOLD-IN" TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS INTO EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM. TO DO SO, WOULD IN FACT, CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS SINCE, AS PART OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM, THEY WOULD HENCEFORTH HAVE TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS WHICH NOW APPLY TO EX-

PERIMENTAL PROGRAM. THIS WOULD INCLUDEEE REQUIREMENTS THAT ALIENS BE INTERVIEWED AND DOCUMENTED BY MEXICAN CONSULS, THAT THEIR  
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FARES BE PAID BY USG, THAT REPATRIATION BE PURELY

VOLUNTARY, THAT FAMILIES NOT BE SEPARATED, THAT NO BACK  
PAY REMAIN DUE AND -- PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT--THAT PERSONS BEING

TRANSPORTED BE ONLY THOSE WITH HOMES IN THE VICINITY OF  
LEON. ONCE SUCH A CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER OF THE TIJUANA-  
LEON FLIGHT HAS BEEN MADE, THERE IS A QUESTION WHETHER  
THE FLIGHT IN ITS PRESENT CHARACTER COULD BE REINSTITUTED  
AT SOME LATER DATE. SINCE WE PRESUME INS WILL WISH TO  
CONTINUE USING THE TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHT IN ITS PRESENT  
CHARACTER BEYOND THE TERMINATION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL  
PROGRAM, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT NOT BE ENDANGERED BY ANY  
SUCH EFFORT TO CHANGE ITS CHARACTER.

3. IN ADDITION, WE DOUBT WISDOM AND FEASIBILITY OF IN-  
CREASING TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHTS FROM TWO FLIGHTS WEEKLY TO  
DAILY BASIS. THESE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED WITH CON-  
CURRENCE AND COOPERATION OF MEXICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE.  
WE DOUBT THIS CONCURRENCE AND COOPERATION WOULD SURVIVE  
A VOLUME INCREASE OF THE KIND CONTEMPLATED WHICH SURELY  
WOULD POSE MAJOR RECEPTION PROBLEMS FOR MEXICAN OFFICIALS  
AT LEON. WE NOTE THAT THE ONE POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE  
PUBLIC COMMENTS OF SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT MOYA PALENCIA  
ON THE DEPORTATION PROBLEM SOME WEEKS AGO WAS RECOGNITION  
THAT THESE FLIGHTS HAVE PROCEED REGULARLY OVER A PERIOD  
OF TIME, THEREBY IMPLYING ACCEPTANCE BY AT LEAST PART OF  
THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, IN MAKING THESE RE-  
MARKS MOYA POINTED OUT THAT FLIGHTS HAVE NEVER INVOLVED  
MOVEMENT OF MORE THAN 1,000 PERSONS PER MONTH.

4. ALL IN ALL, WE RECOMMEND THAT IF INS INTENDS TO USE  
THE TIJUANA-LEON FLIGHT IN FUTURE AS IT HAS IN THE PAST,  
NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO FOLDING IT INTO AIR  
REPATRIATION EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM.  
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